

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Newly-added Claims 21-35 are supported by the specification and the original claims.  
No new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.

REMARKS

Claims 21-35 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

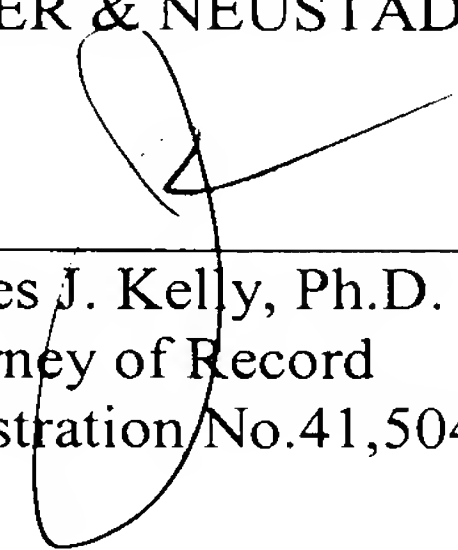
The rejection of Claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is believed to be moot in view of the cancellation of that claim. The subject matter of Claim 20 is not recited in Claims 21-35. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. The new claims have been drafted to obviate the issues raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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